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CHINESE PREMIER CONVEYS SYMPATHY ON SABAH DISASTER

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 31 (Bernama) -- Chinese Premier Li Peng has conveyed deep sympathy to the Malaysian government and people over the loss of lives and properties in Sabah that was hit by tropical storm Greg last Wednesday.

He said this in a message to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad which was released by the Chinese embassy here today.

"We believe that the people in the afflicted areas will surely be able to overcome all the difficulties and rehabilitate their homeland very soon," Li Peng said.

The storm left more than 170 people dead and caused widespread destruction of houses, bridges and roads in the worst disaster of its kind in the country.

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